

Remarks

In response to the Office action mailed March 9, 2006, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Applicant thanks Examiners Havan and Millin for the courtesy of the June 14, 2006 telephone interview. The substance of the interview is included in the following.

The rejection of claims 1-17 under § 102(e) as anticipated by Jansen et al. is traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that skilled artisans would recognize that the “video camera” recited in claim 1 is a device that inputs video images, in contrast to Jansen’s video display and touchscreen. Applicant further submits that skilled artisans would understand that the recitation in claim 1 that the computer is “programmed to test the validity of financial account information, PIN number and log-on ID entries” means that all three “entries” are implicated.

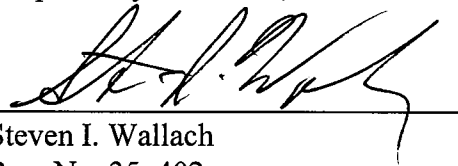
Nevertheless, to advance prosecution of this application, claim 1 is amended to recite “a video camera, which inputs video images,” and “programmed to test the validity of financial account information, of PIN number and of log-on ID entries”; independent claim 12 is similarly amended. Independent claim 16 is amended to recite the “paid services including video-conference service using a video camera that inputs video images.”

No new matter is added.

In light of the foregoing, independent claims 1, 12, and 16 distinguish over the Jansen reference, and thus also do dependent claims 2-11, 13-15, and 17.

This application is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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